

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on February 24, 2005, and the references cited therewith.

Claims 1 and 13 are amended, and claim 18 is canceled; as a result, claims 1-10, and 12-17 are now pending in this application.

Applicant notes that the Office Action Summary lists claims 1-10 and 13-18 as pending in the application. Applicant believes that claim 12 remains pending, as it has not been canceled and has been indicated in this Office Action to be allowed.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-4, 13, and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) for anticipation by Brewin (U.S. 2,875,771).

Claims 1-4

Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the subject matter of allowable dependent claim 18. Therefore, Applicant believes claim 1 is now in allowable form. Claims 2-4 depend from claim 1. Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Claims 13 and 14

Applicant has amended claim 13. Applicant believes amended claim 13 is not anticipated by the cited reference since the reference does not include each limitation recited in the claim. For instance, Applicant cannot find in the Brewin reference: supporting an uninflated roof having an inner portion and a periphery, "wherein the roof is supported at the inner portion by an inflated column which extends vertically upwards."

Claim 14 depends from claim 13 and is therefore also not anticipated by the cited reference. Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant acknowledges that claims 5-10, 12, and 15-17 were allowed.

Claims 18 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but was indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As noted above, applicant has rewritten parent claim 1 to include the subject matter of claim 18. Claim 18 has been canceled.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 359-3267 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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